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DETAILED ACTION

Continuation of #3: Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 11 and 13 by adding proposed new limitations “uppermost”, “lowermost”, “a first plurality of adjacent layers are disposed in a first group and have a first width, and a second plurality of adjacent layer are disposed in a second group and have a second width that is larger than the first width, and the first group is disposed closer to the core tube than is the second group”, and “being disposed in at least first and second groups, the tapes disposed within the first group having a first width, and the tapes disposed within the second group having a second with larger than the first width”, which requires a new search and/or further consideration.

Continuation of #11: The application is not placed in condition for allowance because: Applicant’s arguments are drawn to a proposed claim amendment, which is not being entered. Thus, the arguments are not commensurate in scope with the claims. Specifically, the applicant’s arguments drawn to the limitations “uppermost”, “lowermost”, “a first plurality of adjacent layers are disposed in a first group and have a first width, and a second plurality of adjacent layer are disposed in a second group and have a second width that is larger than the first width, and the first group is disposed closer to the core tube than is the second group”, and “being disposed in at least first and second groups, the tapes disposed within the first group having a first width, and the tapes disposed within the second group having a second with larger than the first width” have not been entered. Therefore, the arguments are not commensurate in scope with the claims of record. Applicant’s arguments of record are not found persuasive

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because they rely on the non-entered amendments. Applicant is referred back to the final rejection of record mailed November 2, 2007.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Patricia L. Nordmeyer whose telephone number is (571)272-1496. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thurs. from 10:00-7:30 & alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rena L. Dye can be reached on (571) 272-3186. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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